

"The Ottawa Spotlight"

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The Coming Budget
Ottawa, May 5th.—The annual parliamentary budget always an event of interest not only to parliament but to the whole country, will probably be presented to the house of commons within a few days. The exact date is still conjectural. Budget provisions are always carefully guarded until the Minister of Finance makes his speech, but it may be assumed that the budget will practically be balanced. There may even be a small surplus, with all that means to the country's credit at home and abroad. The rumour persists that there will be very little change in rates of taxation. Income taxes are almost certain to remain at present levels. The government has been pressed by some members to lower the sales tax rate, and by Western members to decrease or eliminate tariffs on agricultural machinery. Whether these suggestions will be followed is unknown, but it is pretty certain now that the main tariff changes which will be brought into force under the new treaty with the United States will not appear in the budget. This depends on how the officials negotiating the pact at Washington get along. The government of the United States while anxious to make the treaty with Canada and another with the United Kingdom, will not be in any rush about it. It may be a month or two before negotiations are completed.

Relending of Canadian National Obligations
A bill now going through the House of Commons seeks authority for the Minister of Finance to re-lend matured, maturing and callable obligations of the Canadian National Railways, and to issue in their place new securities guaranteed by the Canadian Government to an amount not exceeding 200 million dollars. The new securities will bear lower rates of interest than the old ones, and the government of course make a saving to the Government in annual interest charges.

In the discussion over this bill in the House the Minister of Finance mentioned that the bonds of the Dominion Government now bear an annual interest of from 2 1/4 to 3 1/2 per cent on the average and that the Canadian National obligations, most of which are guaranteed by the Dominion, have an average interest rate of about 4 per cent. Through the process of refunding the national debt at lower interest rates the government is saving for some years, the total in debentures almost 100 million dollars in excess of the amount of the debt 15 years ago. The total interest charge no higher than it was in 1924. Where the greatest saving has been effected has been in the war period when interest rates on government borrowing were 5 to 12 per cent. In some cases these issues were tax exempt.

To get the lowest rates on money it borrows will continue to be the policy of the Government, the Finance Minister told the House but it will not break its pledged word.

Important Questions Before Parliament
Among the important questions before the Dominion parliament on which debate has already been resumed or will shortly come again before the house are—(a) unemployment relief. Earlier in the session the minister of labour, Mr. Norman Rogers made a general statement on employment conditions throughout the country and the measures of various kinds which the government has been applying to deal with the conditions. The new bill introduced in the House of Commons as explained by the Minister, does not differ materially from the Unemployment and Agricultural Assistance Act, 1937; (b) Mr. Howe's transport bill; (c) measures of electoral reform; (d) a measure for the control and regulation of the operations of loan companies. There are also a number of other bills, one to amend the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, one dealing with seal fishing in the Pacific, another dealing with radio, another coming later to amend the Criminal Code and so on. In the senate a committee will investigate the railway situation in Canada. Leading officials of both railway systems will be heard before this committee, their views on unification and other questions will be given, and perhaps further light will be turned

on this most perplexing of problems. In the Commons interest will attach to further discussions on departmental estimates, those of the National Defence Department being probably of most vital public interest.

British Aircraft Purchases in Canada
The approach visit of the British Air Commission to Canada after it has completed its survey of United States aircraft plants continues to be the subject of speculative interest. It has become quite clear that Canadian aircraft manufacturers would welcome the opportunity of supplying aircraft to the United Kingdom. It seems not at all improbable that in future the immunity of Canadian plants from the danger of aerial attack might be a factor in the establishment of an important industry in Canada to supplement the aircraft industry in Britain. It has been further suggested that the same thing might apply to French aircraft needs. In any event Canadian factories, away from the immediate orbit of bombing planes and also removed from the operation of United States neutrality regulations, would seem to be a normal and logical source of aircraft supply for the British forces.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED
Following a delicious luncheon served to about 16 persons in the Choir room of the United Church Tuesday, a most comprehensive and interesting address on the work and purpose of Women's Missionary Societies was given by Mrs. Johnathon of Calgary. Other Calgary ladies present were Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Woodell.

The motion to organize a Society in Strathmore was made by Mrs. N. White and seconded by Mrs. Garrett and unanimously carried.

The following officers were elected and will be installed at the first meeting by Rev. V. M. Gilbert, President—Mrs. Gilbert; Vice-President—Mrs. Garrett; Sec. Vice-President—Mrs. West; Rec. Secretary—Mrs. L. Campbell; Cor. Secretary—Mrs. D. McMurtry; Treasurer—Mrs. A. P. Gray.

Supt. of Christian Stewardship—Mrs. N. White. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Mrs. Johnston is the President of the Calgary Presbytery of the W. M. S.

Greetings were brought from St. Michaels by Rev. Geo. W. Lang.

Local News Items

Mr. Hyde Left Wednesday
Mr. Hyde left Wednesday to spend a few days with her daughter Violet in Stettin. We regret that injury to her knees that Violet met with some time ago is proving rather stubborn, and as soon as the exams of her music pupils are over, Violet is coming home for a rest. Her Strathmore friends will hope for the best from the rest and change.

Mr. T. S. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Miss Grazer and Mrs. Gannon returned to Edmonton Sunday to see various friends.

Rev. Geo. W. Lang and Rev. T. B. Winter are exchanging pulpits Tuesday next.

Mrs. Womby Chamberlain is spending a few days at her Strathmore home.

Mr. W. E. Mercer, Sr. who has spent the past 9 months in England returned to Calgary Tuesday morning. He reports a very enjoyable trip.

The "Ten given under the auspices of the A. Y. P. Saturday last proved a pleasant and successful event, the girls clearing something over \$12. The Home Cooking Table was in charge of Vera Sorensen. Mrs. Keeling and Mrs. Isaacs assisted the girls with the general tea arrangements.

Rev. V. M. Gilbert attended the Presbytery meeting in Calgary on Thursday.

L. LAUSEN, CARLELAND, FARMER AND POOL PIONEER
70 YEARS OLD

One of the original directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool when it was organized in 1922, Lausen, farmer, prominent retired farmer of the Carleland district, celebrated his 70th birthday on Saturday.

Mr. Lausen came to Alberta in 1910 from the United States with his wife and 11 children. The family settled in the Carleland district, where they farmed until 1925, when, owing to his wife's illness, he turned the farm over to his sons and moved to Calgary.

While in Carleland, Mr. Lausen was prominent in community affairs. At different times he served as school director, reeve, councillor and for a time was secretary of the U. F. A.

Of the directors who sat with Mr. Lausen on the first Wheat Pool board most are active in Alberta affairs today. Lew Hutchison, farmer in the present board, C. Jones is a member of the board today and is also a member of the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Giroux have returned from the Memorial Hall for the purpose of organizing the Boy Scout Movement in Strathmore.

Mr. R. H. Johnson, Assistant Scout Commissioner for the Province, showed moving pictures of the World Jamboree held in Holland during the summer of last year. It was inspiring to both old and young to see boys from all corners of the earth united in a vital Christian fellowship under a common bond of allegiance. One could not help but feel that there was one of the strongest forces for international peace and goodwill that exists in the world today. Following the European picture, Mr. Johnson showed a glimpse of Scout life in our own province.

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Miss Hickey of Calgary is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey during the week.

Festival Adjudicators—For the Musical and Dramatic Festival to be held in Strathmore, Friday, May 20, the following will be the adjudicators: Music—Mr. Geo. E. Bower; Elocution—Miss Theresa Sigal; Dramatization—Miss Betty Mitchell and Miss Olive Fisher.

JUNIOR WHEAT BOARD

The Junior Wheat Club activities for the 1938 season are now launched and indications are that there will be close to 65 clubs with a membership of around 1200. A special effort is being made this year to try out among the clubs, particularly in central and northern Alberta, a variety of wheat to take the place of Garret. This is being done because Garret is to be graded on its own merits and it is feared that there will be a substantial price discount. Red John 22 has been selected as the wheat likely to replace Garret and there has been an extensive distribution of this variety. The Junior Wheat Club movement is sponsored by the Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture along with the Alberta Wheat Pool and has proven to be out-standingly successful in raising the standard of the wheat produced in the province. Clubs are established over the entire wheat growing area of Alberta, and millions of bushels of excellent seed grain have been produced over the years the plan has been in operation.

LEGION MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All Canadian Legion members are requested to attend the 11 a.m. Service in St. Michael's Church Sunday next in honor of their Chaplain Rev. T. B. Winter, B. A. who is conducting the service.

COMMUNION TABLES WILL BE A MILE LONG

Communion tables extending for nearly a mile will be built on the Plains of Abraham for the National Pictorial Congress in June. The congress has central committee amounting nearly 3,000,000 feet of wood will be required to build the repository, grandstand and communion tables on the Plains, where in 1759 General James Wolfe won Canada for the British from the French under Marquis de Montcalm.

The Scout Movement

A very successful meeting was held on Thursday last April 28th, in the dining room of the Memorial Hall for the purpose of organizing the Boy Scout Movement in Strathmore.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JOHN M. IMRIE AND THE EDMONTON JOURNAL

Defending Freedom of Press
New York—A special public service Pulitzer prize, in the form of a monetary award, was awarded to the Edmonton Journal recently "for its leadership in the defense of the freedom of the press in the province of Alberta."

Engraved certificates were awarded to other daily and weekly newspapers in the Western Canadian province which cooperated with the Journal.

John M. Imrie, vice-president and managing director of the Edmonton Journal, will accept the presidential award at the silver anniversary dinner of the Columbia University Pulitzer Graduate School of Journalism.

DENNY LAYZELL GOES TO PEG TO START RACE SEASON WORK

Denny Layzell, youthful Canadian who knows as much about the thoroughbred sport as anyone in Western Canada, left Tuesday for Winnipeg, where he will be associated with the R. James Speers Corporation, sponsor of thoroughbred racing on the Prairies. Denny will do some publicity work and take the call for Lou Davies, who is in charge of the Form Chart.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A curious situation has arisen over the recent Governor's vacation of Government House, Edmonton. But so many surprises have been passed out to Alberta citizens during the past few years, that we are growing very placid or stoical, that we refuse to become excited over minor matters.

CONTRIVERSY

So violent is the atmospheric agitation when the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, are ringing that the life of anyone who then entered the bell chamber would be seriously endangered.

NAMAKA

Wives come and find out how to educate your husbands. "Six Wives on the Rampage" will tell you. A laugh a minute with Six Wives on the Rampage, in the J. O. P. Hall, Friday, May 6th at 8:15 p.m.

We are glad to report Marie MacKie who was operated on for appendicitis on Thursday of last week is coming along nicely at the General Hospital in Calgary.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Stinmet with a painful accident when he fell breaking his leg above the knee.

A three act play, under the auspices of the C. G. I. T. will be held in the J. O. P. Hall on Friday, May 6th.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the Manor in Strathmore on Thursday, May 12th.

Seeding has commenced and will be quite general this week.

Mr. J. P. Laurie was a visitor in the district over the week end.

group committee to act as sponsor for the Club Pack and Scout Troop in Strathmore.

In his address, Mr. Johnson lived up to the eighth article of the Scout Law in words that speak with a ringing and whistling personality. After all we need more of that sort of thing in our Christian living. Mr. Johnson re-emphasized the points of that Scout Law and pointed out that the finest ideals of any religion were couched in a code of this law. Not that it was ever intended to take the place of the Church in a boy's life but that it was a means of giving expression to the life of the Church by doing things. Mr. Johnson emphatically denied all assertion that the Boy Scouts Movement was a military organization. He supported this by saying that recently the Scout Association had been offered a large sum of money by the government if it would introduce military training, which sum was flatly refused. The speaker continued by making it plain to the boys and parents that the boys were expected to buy their own uniforms gradually out of their own savings. A Scout is liberty, so read the Scout Law. He urged a slow beginning to assure efficiency and continued success.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that all meeting endow the organization of the Movement in Strathmore. To the Group Committee were elected by acclamation, the following—Chairman, Mr. G. H. Quinn; Sec-Treas., Mr. S. H. Crowther; other members—Mrs. G. H. Patrick, Mrs. C. Keeling, Mr. E. N. Ridley, Mr. Ian McKeown.

Scout Master—Rev. G. W. Lang. Mr. Lang has commenced to train nine boys in the "Tenderfoot" Tests. At the end of six weeks or so four of them will emerge as patrol leaders and one or two as assistant scoutmaster. The patrol leaders will recruit their own patrols from the remaining boys. The club will commence so soon as a leader is secured.

We ask Strathmore for its wholehearted support of this great work. Are we shaping our boys into real, Christian gentlemen?

—George W. Lang.

MUSICAL CLUB HOLD

The Musical Club met Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Patrick. The music rendered was the postponed Irish programme. An interesting feature of the evening was the Irish songs contributed by members. A happy social hour completed the evening, which is the last until fall.

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UNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Agreement of six prominent Albertans to act on its provisional Unity Council, was announced by John I. McFarland, Calgary, this week.

The new Council members are—Mrs. Irene Parby, Alex. J. Perry, former internationally known coach of the Edmonton Grads; W. D. Spence, former Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, and chairman of Alberta Tax Commission, Edmonton; Francis Austin, farmer, Hanbury; J. Harold McLaughlin, farmer, Spruce Grove; and D. McKinnon, farmer, Carleland. Names of additional men and women to bring the Council to a total of 26 will soon be announced, stated Mr. McFarland, and a meeting in early summer is scheduled.

COMING EVENTS

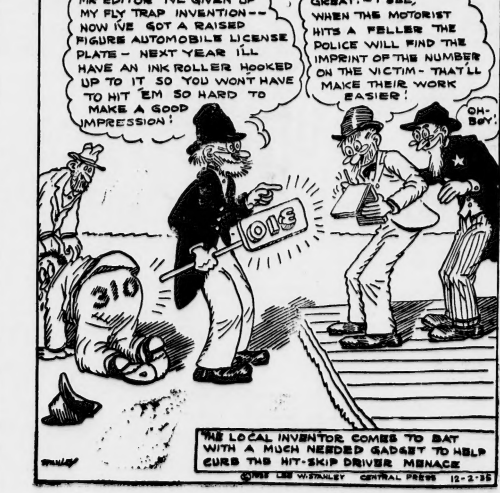
The Festival of Music and Drama for Strathmore and district will be held in Strathmore Friday, May 20th.

Namaka I. O. O. F. Hall, Friday, May 6th at 8:15 p.m. "Six Wives on the Rampage." A play by the C.G.I.T. Girls that will give you a laugh a minute. Husbands and wives, present and prospective should all see this play.

The regular meeting of the Sorosis Society will be held in the Town Hall Wednesday, May 11th at 8 p.m.

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Moreover, something is or seems.
That touches me with mystic gleams
Like glimpses of forgotten dreams.

Of something felt, like something
here;
Of something done, I know not where:
Such as no language may declare.
(The Two Voices.—Tennyson).

I recommend this matter to your
serious pondering, for it is certain
that the prevalent fear of poverty
among the educated classes is the
worst moral disease from which our
civilization suffers.

Does not, for example, the worship
of material luxury and wealth, which
constitutes so large a portion of the
"Spirit" of our age, make somewhat
for efficiency and unmanliness? I
do not the exclusively sympathetic and
facetious way in which most children
are brought up today—so different
from the education of a hundred
years ago—in danger, spite of its
many advantages, of developing a
certain trashiness of fibre? Are
there not heretofore some points of
application for a renovated and re-
vised ascetic discipline?

The tender grace not of a day that
is dead, but of a day yet to be born,
somehow with the golden rule grown
natural, would be cut out from the
perspective of our imagination.

Strong affection needs a strong
will; strong active powers need a
strong intellect; strong intellect
needs strong sympathies to keep life
steady.
All from "The Varieties of Religious
Experience", by William James.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange
Director, Research Department.

"I intend to seed ten acres of my
best summer fallow with First Gen-
eration Registered wheat," said a farmer
to me recently. "Can you give me a
few hints on sowing and taking care
of this seed field?"

"Gladly," I said. "First clean out
the seed drill thoroughly and scrape
off the mud from the discs or hoe
drills."

"Be sure the seed, after treating
for smut, is poured from the sacks
straight into the drill box, so that it
will not become mixed with other
kinds of grain."

"As the seeder arrives at the edge of
the field to be sown, scrape the mud
or dirt from the tires and spokes of
the wheels, and clean out the horses
hoofs, because this dirt often contains
a good deal of other grain."

"Sow the field carefully, leaving an
alleyway about three feet wide around
it, or instead, if you desire, circle the
field with a drill width of oats; then
cut the oats for green feed after they
head out."

"Special care, too, must be taken
in threshing and harvesting, but I will
tell you about that later."

"But this is a lot of extra work, Mr.
Strange, isn't it?"

"Yes," I replied, "It is, but don't

forget that extra work is the price we
ever have to pay in life to gain an
extra reward."

"Everyone seems to think that our
Prairies this year have a chance of
producing a good crop. It this turns
out to be correct, can we sell it, and
what is the price likely to be?"

I have received many letters asking
these questions.

Considering the unrivalled quality
of Canadian wheat, personally I have
no fear about our ability to sell a
good crop. What the price would be,
however, neither I nor anyone else
can possibly predict. It depends upon
so many factors which are still in the
making. For instance, how much
wheat, and of what quality, will be
produced by the various countries of
the world? What quantities of other
grains, meats, fruits and vegetables
will be available? Will there be a
war, or no war? Will the fear of, and
preparation for, wars continue? Will
there be any further currency infla-
tion? Will worldwide tariffs be re-
duced?

All these things, and hundreds of
others, directly affect price.

Because of the uncertainties in life,
ancient philosophers have often point-
ed out the futility of worrying too
much about the future. "Sufficient
unto the day is the evil thereof."

One thing is certain, however. To
produce a crop is the most important
thing, for no farmer yet, even in
times of the highest prices, ever
made any profit, if he did not have a
fair amount of grain to sell.



Thornton Wilder, author of the
novel The Bridge of San Luis Rey,
was Pulitzer prize of \$1000 for best
Play "Our Town."

RAILWAYS NOT MAPPING

SAYS S. J. HUNGERFORD

Montreal, April 30.—During the
last quarter of a century new modes
of transport have challenged the rail
roads. Automobiles, trucks, busses
and airplanes have taken their place
in the transportation picture, adver-
sely affecting railroad revenues.

Recent developments have not
enough the railroads mapping, how-
ever, S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and
President of the Canadian National
Railways, says in the April issue of
the Canadian National Magazine. Par-
ticular attention to speeding up and
adjustment of train schedules, pick-
up and rapid delivery of freight, im-

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suits in the year—Spring, Autumn,
Summer and Winter—and there are
four suits in the pack. Each season
contains 12 weeks—each suit contains
12 cards. Again 52 cards make a pack
and there are 52 weeks in a year.
There are 365 days in the year and
there are 365 spots on the cards.

Church Notes

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Rev. V. M. Gilbert, H.A. B. D.
Minister
Strathmore, Alberta.

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day
Nunatak—
11:40 a.m. Combined Service.

Chasid—
2:45 p.m.—Worship.
Strathmore—
10 a.m.—Worship.
Mother's Day Service—conducted
by Mrs. Gilbert.
11 a.m.—Church School.
7:30 p.m. Worship.
Guest Preacher, Rev. E. Melville
Aitken, of Central Church, Calgary.
Pianist and Choir leader—
Miss E. Hirtle, Graduate Mount
Allison Conventual.

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Rev. Geo. W. Lang, H. A. L. H.

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No Service at 8 a.m.
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion, Sermon
Service for Mothers and Fathers
and their children.
The Rev. Canon T. B. Winter, B. A.
St. Andrew's Gleichen—
7:20 p.m.—Evening Service.
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